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**Goodwill Industries of Houston Opens New Goodwill Select Store,
Attended Donation Center, Job Connection in River Oaks**

HOUSTON — Goodwill Industries of Houston proudly announces the grand opening of its River Oaks Goodwill Select Store, conveniently located and disability accessible at 2030 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77098 (near the intersection of Shepherd and Westheimer). Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. To reach the store, call 713-699-6393.

An important feature of the new store is the inclusion of a job connection center, where employment specialists will assist anyone looking for work. Goodwill Houston hopes to eventually offer job connection centers in other stores throughout Greater Houston.

Goodwill Houston's Select Stores feature designer brand family clothing, shoes, housewares, collectibles, furniture, baby items, linens, toys and more. Each store accepts gently used donated items through its in-store attended donation center. All Goodwill Houston stores and attended donation centers accept unwanted computers and will refurbish or recycle them for free. Receipts are given for all material donations and gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law as Goodwill Houston is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

Besides the River Oaks store, Goodwill Houston opened five new retail stores in greater Houston in 2008 and was named to the Houston Business Journal's Fast 100 list. Goodwill Houston has plans to open seven new stores in 2009; a store in Conroe opened in March. Each new store creates about 25 new jobs and has revenue potential of \$1 million per year. Goodwill Houston places 92 cents of every dollar received into programs and services.

Through its Job Connection Centers, Academy for Career Development, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, Goodwill Temporary Services and Charles R. Swain Memorial Contracts Center, Goodwill Houston creates job opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. With a vision of being the premier workforce development resource in greater Houston, based on the excellence of its people and its career services, Goodwill Houston aims to increase its impact in the community by 50 percent, having added 27 new retail stores by the end of 2013. For more information about store locations, programs and services, visit goodwillhouston.org, or call 713-692-6221.